Gas based power projects behind schedule

262. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) which of the gas based power projects presently in hand are behind schedule and to what extent;

(b) what are the reasons for the delay; and

(c) whether the National Thermal Power Corporation has arranged financial assistance for any of these projects from the World Bank or from any other foreign financial institutions, and if so, what are the details thereof indicating the total amount of the foreign assistance arranged till 31st March, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) and (b) The three gas based power projects being set up by the National Thermal Power Corporation in the Central sector are expected to be commissioned as per schedule.

(c) The World Bank has agreed to provide a loan assistance of $485 million for these projects.

Complaint against DESU

263. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received complaints against the Delhi Electricity Supply Undertakings regarding the irregularities and delay in sending the bills to the consumers;

(b) whether it is a fact that the inflated bills are sent to the consumers by the DESU after a period of more than six months; and

(c) if so, whether any corrective action has been taken by Government to streamline the work of billing in DESU so that correct bills are sent to the consumers at regular intervals?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRIMATI SUSHILA ROHATGI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Attachment of Union Carbide assets

264. SHRI SUBAS MOHANTY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that despite the court order Union Carbide India Limited is trying to close down its plant at Bhopal and dispose off its assets in a clandestine manner;

(b) if so, why the entire property of the Union Carbide could not be frozen or attached by Government till the court case is decided; and

(c) what are the total assets of Union Carbide in India vis-a-vis the claims against the company?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) to (c) The Bhopal unit of the Union Carbide India Limited is lying closed after the gas disaster in December, 1984 and its licence under the Factories Act had not been renewed by the State Government. The court of the District Judge, Bhopal has already ordered Union Carbide Corporation, to maintain unnumbered assets of a fair market value of $3 billion to meet the decree, if any, that may be passed by the Court. According to the Annual Report, 1985 of Union Carbide India Limited, the net book value of the fixed assets of the company as on 25-12-1985 is Rs. 3092.85 lakhs.